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In re application of:

Joseph R. Byrum et al.

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For:

Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other

Molecules Associated with Plants

## **RESPONSE**

BOX AF Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the following claims: --

1.[Twice Amended] [An]  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$  [isolated] nucleic acid molecule <u>isolated from other</u>

nucleic acid molecules and comprising SEQ ID No. 1 or its complement.

2.[Twice Amended] [An]  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$  [isolated] nucleic acid molecule consisting of SEQ ID No.

1 or its complement.

3.[Twice Amended] [An] A [isolated] nucleic acid molecule isolated from other

nucleic acid molecules and consisting essentially of SEQ ID No. 1 or its complement.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-3 remain rejected. To facilitate prosecution, Applicants have amended pending claims 1 and 3 to recite that the nucleic acid molecule is isolated from other nucleic acid molecules. Support for this amendment can be found at page 68, lines 1-6. Applicant respectfully requests that the amendment to the claims be entered because it places them in better

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